

PRIEST: Loving Lord, today we hear your apostles ask you to, ‘Increase our faith’. As we gather here, we ask the same. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

READER: We pray for Pope Leo as he reminds us, being men and women of dialogue means remaining deeply rooted in the Gospel and in the values that flow from it and to cultivate openness and listening with those who come from other backgrounds. Help us to be understanding advocates of peace and harmony.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: This weekend marks the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, let us pray to be powerful custodians of our beautiful world. Help us to do small things, that collectively, make the biggest difference.

(Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for CAFOD and we give thanks for the Parishioners of St Augustine’s who give so generously to support the work of CAFOD. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray for the victims of terrorists’ attacks, especially on places of worship; we ask that all people of all faiths should be allowed to worship without fear and discrimination. We remember the victims who died or who were injured in Manchester on Thursday and their families. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray to be suppliers of unconditional love. Help us to give our love freely, without rules or judgements to those who need it most. We ask the Holy Spirit to encourage us to be a welcoming people, let us open our hearts, just as Jesus did, to all people. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We pray that those touched by shadows of bereavement, may feel themselves close to their dear ones, through him whose light even death could not overcome. We remember those who have died recently: **Michael Donnelly, Bernadette Harris, Father Paul Johnson, Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds, Father Tony Rohan, Andrew Lockington, Katherine – Duchess of Kent, Denis Linehan, Doctor Denys Nicol, Anthony Delaney, Alan Gorman and Sister Maura Magner.** We also remember those with anniversaries at this time. (Pause) Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

READER: We remember all who are sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound. We remember especially the sick of our own Parish, **Anthony Herron, Matthew Sheils, Benjamin Wort, Lilian, William Moran, Damian Poole, Tony Duffy, Philomena Gallagher, Ken Shirley, Savio Baretto, Eddie Martin, Helen Brookes, Briege Williams, Jonathan Williams, Anthony O’Neill, Michael, Patrick, Aiden & Anne O’Donnell, Margaret Hughes, Paulina Samathar, Father Michael White, Breda Fleming, Juliana Benjamin, Kate Nelson, Wilson Cotton, Angela Hyland, Cornelius Callanan, Natalie Holliday, Larry Perkins** and our families wherever they may be. (Pause)

Lord hear us. Response: Lord graciously hear us.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: Hail Mary...Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions and for those intentions placed in the prayer box.

PRIEST: Father, thank you for being with us. We feel your presence guiding us through our concerns and worries and we feel you share in our happiness and joy. You are our constant. Amen.